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TOWN OFFICERS, 1904.

Moderator.

BENJAMIN R. WHEELER.

Town Clerk.

DANIEL A. ABBOTT.

Selectmen.

BENJAMIN R. WHEELER,

GEORGE W. THOM,

WALLACE W. COLE.

Overseer of the Poor.

BENJAMIN R. WHEELER.

Treasurer.

FRED C. BUXTON.

Collector of Taxes.

JOHN J. HUNT.

Auditors.

GEORGE B. NOYES, JAMES E. SLOAN, FRANK D. WILSON.

Constables.

FRANK E. LUNDBERG,

JOHN C. NICHOLS,

CHARLES D. STEVENSON.

Special Police.

GEORGE RANDALL,	WILLIAM H. PAGE,
JOHN MORRISON,	WILBERT H. BODGE,
WILLIS G. RICHARDSON,	JOHN F. HALL,
JACOB W. KELLY,	WILLIAM F. ROWELL,
RALPH W. E. MERRIFIELD.	

For Canobie Lake :

MILLARD F. WILLIAMS,	WILLIAM L. S. TABOR,
FRANK J. EMERTON,	AARON J. HUMPHREY.

Highway Agents.

WILLIS G. RICHARDSON,	DAVID W. FELCH,
EVERETT J. BROWN.	

Agent for the Suppression of the Illegal Sale of Intoxicating Liquor.

JOHN F. HALL.

Fire Wardens.

DAVID S. EMERY,	JOHN F. HALL.
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Trustees of Public Library.

CLINTON L. SILVER,	BENJAMIN R. WHEELER,
LOREN B. McLAUGHLIN.	

Representatives.

JOHN W. WHEELER,	RUFUS A. TILTON.
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Supervisors.

JOHN J. HUNT,	JAMES H. HADLEY,	JAMES E. SLOAN.
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Sextons.

CHARLES H. SMITH,	CHARLES E. NICHOL.
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Town History Committee.

JAMES AYER,

DAVID S. EMERY.

Board of Health.

JAMES AYER,

KIMBALL M. McLAUGHLIN,
WARREN E. BODWELL.*Board of Education.*

CLINTON L. SILVER,

JOHN F. BLACKLOCK,
JOHN P. ATWOOD.*Tree Warden.*

BENJAMIN R. WHEELER.

Superintendent of Schools.

H. A. BROWN.

TOWN WARRANT.

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

[L. S.] To the inhabitants of the town of Salem qualified to vote in town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the town house, in said Salem, on the second Tuesday of March next, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary town officers and agents for the year ensuing.

2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the year ensuing.

3. To see if the town will vote to raise any more money for the repairs of highways than the law requires.

4. To see what method the town will vote to adopt to facilitate the collection of taxes.

5. To hear the reports of agents, auditors, committees or officers heretofore chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.

6. To see if the town will vote to authorize the town treasurer to hire, with the approval of the selectmen, such sums of money as he may need for general purposes in anticipation of taxes.

7. By request. To see if the town will vote to raise the sum of \$100, or any part thereof, for the use of Gilman E.

Sleeper Post, No. 60, G. A. R., to be expended in the observance of Memorial Day in the year 1905.

8. By request. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the support of the Salem free public library.

9. By request. To see if the town will vote to sell the town farm, choose a committee to convey the same, and turn the money received over to the town treasurer.

10. By request. To see if the town will vote to macadam a portion of its highways, as follows: Commencing near the foot of the hill at the stone schoolhouse, so called, thence to the northeast corner of Pine Grove Cemetery; and raise money for the same.

11. By request. To see if the town will vote to choose three trustees for Pine Grove Cemetery, one for one year, one for two years, one for three years, and at each succeeding annual election choose one for three years, and pass any vote relating thereto.

12. By request. To see if the town will vote to purchase the Salem water works, agreeable to chapter 253 of the Session Laws of the State of New Hampshire, passed January session, 1901, and raise and provide money to pay for the same.

13. By request. To see if the town will vote to pay for electric lights down the Turnpike as far as the McKean place, and raise money to pay for the same.

14. By request. To see if the town will vote to build a stone arch bridge over the Spicket River, near the house formerly owned by Joseph Webster, and raise money for the same.

15. By request. To see if the town will vote to accept of Martha Stanton the sum of \$100 as a perpetual fund, the income to be expended for the care and improvement of a lot in Pine Grove Cemetery, known as the Stanton lot.

16. By request. To see if the town will vote to change the name of the street in said town known as Policy Street to Lake Street.

17. By request. To see if the town will vote to provide suitable accommodations for the storage and care of their fire apparatus, and raise money for the same, and choose a committee to carry the same into effect.

18. By request. To see if the town will vote to buy a hose wagon for the use of Hose Company, No. 1, of Salem Depot Village, and raise money for the same, and choose a committee to carry the same into effect.

19. By request. To see if the town will vote to build a sidewalk from Salem car barns to Salem Depot, and raise money for the same.

20. By request. To see if the town will vote to accept of Levi W. Taylor the sum of \$100 as a perpetual fund, the income to be expended for the care and improvement of a lot in Mount Pleasant Cemetery, known as the Daniel Taylor lot.

21. By request. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise towards building the new highway at Salem Depot to Bluff Street, so called, as per petition in hands of selectmen.

22. By request. To see if the town will vote to grade a piece of road on Cluff Street in District No. 8 from the bridge to the barn of James Littlejohn, and raise money for the same.

23. By request. To see if the town will vote to macadam one mile of its highways, commencing at the southwest town line and macadam one mile or more each year, by way of No. 8 schoolhouse, by way of Ezra B. Hall's, Charles F. Kimball's, through the Depot Village, Salem Center Village, to the northeast corner of Pine Grove Cemetery, and raise money for the same.

Given under our hands and seal this 25th day of February, 1905.

BENJAMIN R. WHEELER,

GEORGE W. THOM,

Selectmen of Salem.

A true copy of warrant. Attest:

BENJAMIN R. WHEELER,

GEORGE W. THOM,

Selectmen of Salem.

To the Citizens of the Town:

We tender you our annual report for the year ending February 15, 1905.

We have received two petitions during the year for new highways. After several hearings on the first petition, we decided that the public good did not require a highway in the location mentioned in the petition. The second highway petitioned for would be a great accommodation to quite a number of the inhabitants of the town, but, owing to the delay of the surveyor, he not giving us a plan showing the grade and cuts of a road until the ground was frozen and covered with snow, we have been unable to get any reliable contractor to give us approximate figures as to the cost of the same. It being so near the time of the annual meeting, we thought best to let the legal voters of the town express an opinion on the matter.

You will also see by the report that we have exceeded the appropriation for the Jones bridge. After the completion of the bridge proper we were of the opinion that the roadbed ought to be changed, the retaining walls extended and some large rock removed from the top of the hill. We are of the opinion that the improvements made justify the expense.

In regard to the culverts at the depot, we were unfortunate in having an accident which cost us about \$50. We were obliged to go to considerable expense in front of the schoolhouse, because the railroad company had raised the roadbed, thereby necessitating the raising of the inlets to the culverts.

We are of the opinion that the town ought to build one stone-arch bridge each year. Also, that it should raise money enough for the repair of highways, so that we could

receive assistance from the state. The amount raised this year should be about \$2,600. If we raise that amount this year we will receive from the state about \$500. If we raise the same amount next year, we will receive from the state about \$1,000.

Something ought to be done relating to the town history. There seems to be a difference of opinion as to who constitute the committee for this work and also a difference of opinion in the committee itself. This matter should be adjusted and the history completed so that we might receive the benefit of the \$1,000 already expended.

You will see that our financial condition is different this year from what it was one year ago. The reasons for this are: The large amount expended for snow paths and, owing to a disagreement or misunderstanding, a large number of bills were left over from last year, which amounted to about \$1,500. To our knowledge at the present time there is not over one hundred dollars outstanding bills against the town.

Respectfully submitted,

B. R. WHEELER,

GEO. W. THOM,

Selectmen of Salem.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT FOR 1904-'05.

INVENTORY OF THE TOWN OF SALEM AS TAKEN APRIL 1, 1904.

Polls,	\$49,800.00
Real estate,	643,695.00
327 horses,	20,060.00
4 oxen,	200.00
636 cows,	18,438.00
68 other neat stock,	1,278.00
9 sheep,	30.00
7 hogs,	70.00
2,290 fowls,	1,147.00
38 carriages,	2,950.00
Stock in banks,	1,100.00
Money on hand, etc.,	13,540.00
Stock in trade,	21,750.00
Mills and machinery,	37,100.00
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	\$811,158.00

TAXES ASSESSED FOR THE YEAR 1904.

State tax,	\$864.00
County tax,	2,490.00
Town charges,	2,500.00
Water tax,	1,200.00
Electric lights,	1,100.00
Highway, by law,	2,003.00
Jones bridge,	500.00
Library, by law,	86.40
Library, by vote,	100.00
Gilman E. Sleeper Post, G. A. R.,	100.00
Lobby,	200.00
Schools,	4,578.00
Repairs, No. 6,	100.00
Addition No. 6,	600.00
Insurance, Nos. 1 and 6,	140.00
Land, No. 1,	200.00
Repairs No. 5,	50.00
Repairs No. 3,	32.00
Overtax,	190.46
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	\$17,034.56
Taxes committed to collector, 1903,	\$17,034.56
Rate, \$21 per \$1,000.	

AMOUNT OF ASSETS, 1904-'05.

Cash in treasurer's hands,	\$2,272.93
Due from J. J. Hunt, taxes and interest, 1903,	2,327.43
Due on land bought for taxes, 1898,	30.00
Due on land bought for taxes, 1900,	17.95
Due on land bought for taxes, 1901,	19.84
Due on land bought for taxes, 1902,	89.66
Due on land bought for taxes, 1903,	35.40
Due on land bought for taxes, 1903,	153.33
Due from F. O. Wheeler, taxes, 1901,	233.73
Due from F. C. Buxton, taxes, 1902,	25.74
Received from National Bank, Methuen,	3,460.18
Received dog licenses,	347.03
Received N. H. license commissioners,	20.25
Received railroad tax,	187.61
Received savings bank tax,	285.03
Received literary fund,	187.55
Received proportion of school fund,	644.00
Received high school tuition,	43.46
Received from county,	357.00
Received from sale of lumber,	3.15
Received from use of hall,	18.50
Received from W. G. Richardson,	27.59
Taxes assessed, 1904,	17,034.56
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	\$27,821.92

EXPENDITURES FOR SCHOOLS.

Appropriation by vote and by law,	\$4,578.00
for repairs, No. 6,	100.00
for addition, No. 6,	600.00
for insurance, Nos. 1 and 6,	140.00
for land, No. 1,	200.00
for repairs, No. 5,	50.00
for repairs, No. 3,	32.00
Dog license (less expense),	344.43
State literary fund,	187.55
State proportion of school fund,	644.00
Interest on note No. 2,	14.68
Interest on note No. 10,	12.91
High school tuition,	43.46
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	\$6,947.03
High school tuition,	53.32
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Total expended for schools,	\$6,955.92

MISCELLANEOUS.

Paid Dr. L. F. Soule, return of births and deaths,	\$4.50
Dr. W. P. Robinson, return of births and deaths,	2.25
E. G. Cate, watering place, 1903,	3.00
W. G. Richardson, part salary, 1903,	275.00
J. C. Crowell, wood,	4.00
A. M. Duston, watering place, 1902,	3.00
Derry News, printing,	1.00
Methuen Transcript, town reports,	79.20
G. C. Gordon & Son, bond,	35.00
H. Haigh, storing road machine,	3.00
R. W. E. Merrifield, horse bait,	1.25
F. W. Allen, Lampson case,	16.82
Charles Nichol, repairing fence, Mt. Pleasant Cemetery,	7.50
A. Obertee, watering place, 1904,	3.00
G. C. Gordon & Son, insurance,	45.00
C. H. Smith, labor, Pine Grove Cemetery,	31.00
C. E. Merrill, provisions for Morris, by order of board of health,	3.59
E. Duston and others, land at town farm,	55.00
Gilman E. Sleeper Post, G. A. R.,	100.00
W. W. Cole, lumber, town farm,	6.16
J. Ewins, provisions for Morris, by order of board of health,	21.13
E. C. Eastman, stationery,	2.50
Rumford Printing Co., printing tax receipts,	4.25
Good Roads Machinery Co., repairs,	8.50
Hanscom Hardware Co., nails,	2.50
F. E. Woodbury, three months' salary,	87.50
C. H. Smith, mowing old cemetery,	5.00
R. W. E. Merrifield, use of horse,	2.00

C. H. Smith, care of lots, Pine Grove Cemetery,	\$22.00
C. H. Smith, labor in Pine Grove Cemetery,	51.00
Taylor, Goodwin & Co., lumber for town barn,	20.02
C. E. Nichol, labor, Mt. Pleasant Cemetery,	48.75
Methuen Transcript, printing,	1.50
C. H. Smith, labor, Pine Grove Cemetery,	12.00
J. Ayer, assistant surveyor,	3.00
F. E. Woodbury, three months' salary,	87.50
George C. Gordon & Son, insurance,	10.00
R. W. E. Merrifield, teams,	7.50
M. J. Stanton, watering place, 1903,	3.00
R. W. E. Merrifield, teams,	3.00
F. E. Woodbury, wood at town hall,	2.50
F. L. Woodbury, care of West Cemetery,	4.00
Geo. C. Gordon & Son, bond,	5.00
Dr. L. F. Soule, return of births and deaths,	4.00
D. S. Emery, for hose company,	16.50
Mahoney Bros., damage on road,	12.00
Bodwell Bros., plank at town farm,	1.44
R. W. E. Merrifield, teams,	1.50
Geo. C. Gordon & Son, insurance,	10.00
Granite Colony, U. O. P. F., rent of hall,	12.00
Wm. E. Lancaster, surveying for new road,	30.00
C. W. Hobbs, surveying for new road,	52.00
D. A. Abbott, recording births and deaths,	6.00
W. W. Cole, use of team,	10.00
Preston Blair, assisting surveyor,	1.20
Burnham, Brown & Warren, legal advice to John Turner,	25.00
Salem Depot Hose Co.,	2.70
F. E. Woodbury, wood town hall,	5.00
H. S. Wilson, work on town barn,	8.06
M. O. Mahony, cement,	20.50
C. H. Smith, team for J. F. Hall,	4.25
Eastman & Hollis, legal advice, 1902-1904,	20.85

G. W. Thom, freight,	\$0.25
B. R. Wheeler, expense settling state and county tax, tramp fare and stationery,	9.55
F. C. Buxton, team,	5.00
John J. Hunt, land bought for taxes, 1904,	19.78
John J. Hunt, land bought for taxes, 1903,	155.33
Public library appropriation,	100.00
Public library tax by law,	86.40
F. E. Woodbury, for cows,	200.00
F. E. Woodbury, for fowls,	105.60
Cavanaugh Bros., horse,	150.00
state tax,	864.00
county tax,	2,490.70
National Bank of Methuen,	3,500.00
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	\$9,023.03

 REPORT OF EVERETT J. BROWN, ROAD AGENT.

Received of Fred C. Buxton, town treasurer,	\$583.63
Everett J. Brown, 14 days and 4 hours,	\$28.80
Everett J. Brown, team, 20 days and 9 hours	
at \$2.50 a day,	52.25
W. Gale, 9 days and 9½ hours,	14.93
Couilliard, 4 days and 1 hour,	6.15
Charles Williams, 12 days and 5 hours,	18.75
Burt Bailey, 2 days and 5 hours,	3.75
Joe St. Peter, 4 days,	6.00
Fred H. Brown, 13 days and 1½ hours,	19.73
Everett J. Brown, 9 days and 7½ hours,	19.50
W. Gale, 10 days,	15.00
Fred H. Brown, 9 days and 5 hours,	14.25
Charles Williams, 9 days,	13.50
Joe St. Peter, 9 days,	13.50
Lord, 7 days and 5 hours,	11.25
Everett J. Brown, team, 19 days and 5 hours	
at \$2.50 a day,	48.75
Everett J. Brown, 9 days,	18.00
W. Gale, 8 days,	12.00
Joe St. Peter, 4 days,	6.00
Everett J. Brown, team, 12 days and 8 hours	
at \$2.50 a day,	32.00
Fred H. Brown, 2 days and 5 hours,	3.75
Charles Williams, 4 days and 8 hours,	7.20
Burt Bailey, 7 hours,	1.05
Everett J. Brown, 7 days,	14.00
Everett J. Brown, 10 days at \$2.50 a day,	25.00
Joe Marco, 5 days,	7.50
John Bragdon, 8 days,	12.00
Charles Williams, 4 days,	6.00

Joe St. Peter, 3 days,	\$4.50
Town water works,	2.00
Everett J. Brown, 9 days and 5 hours,	19.00
Everett J. Brown, team, 20 days at \$2.50 a day,	50.00
Joe Marco, 5 days,	7.50
W. Gale, 9 days and 7½ hours,	14.62
John Bragdon, 11 days and 5 hours,	17.25
Fred H. Brown, 4 days,	6.00
Clarence Brown, 1 day,	1.50
Haddie Pickering, 8 days,	12.00
Joe St. Peter, 1 day,	1.50
H. Gordon, 11 loads of gravel at 10 cents,	1.10
Isaac Brown, 98 loads of gravel at 10 cents,	9.80
George Brady, 5 loads of gravel at 10 cents,	.50
Demers, 31 loads of gravel at 10 cents,	3.10
Repairs on road machine,	.95
Sharpening tools,	.80
Two pieces of drain pipe,	.90
	—————\$583.63

TOWN OF SALEM TO D. W. FELCH, DR.

FEBRUARY 4, 1905.

For work done on highway, and number of days' work.

I. W. Felch, 52 days at \$1.50,	\$78.00
D. W. Felch, 51 days at \$2,	102.00
D. W. Felch, team, 48½ days at \$4,	194.00
J. S. Cullen, 13 days, 3 hours, at \$4,	53.20
John LeBombard, 1 day,	1.50
John Duston and man, 4 days, blowing stone at \$4.50,	18.00
John Duston, 1 day,	1.75
Clarence, 10 days, at \$1.50,	15.00
Charles E. Nichols, 2 days at \$1.50,	3.00
C. C. Conley, 2 days at \$1.50,	3.00
Alfred Johns, ½ day at \$1.50,	.75
S. M. Pattee, 18 days at \$1.50,	27.00
Albert M. Austin, 10 days at \$1.50,	15.00
B. F. Head, 7 days at \$1.50,	10.50
Sim Duston, 5 days at \$1.50,	7.50
John Palmer, 2 days at \$1.50,	3.00
C. W. Tibbetts, picking stones, 14 hours,	2.10
Bill Stevens, 1 day at \$1.50,	1.50
Rodney Woodbury, 1 day at \$1.50,	1.50
L. L. Chase, team, 1 day,	4.00
C. E. Rowell, 2 days at \$4,	8.00
J. S. Cullen, 7 hours,	1.05
Bought pine plank of George Duston, 925 feet at \$16 M,	14.81
Oliver Taylor, 132 feet at \$20 M,	2.64
Cole & Brown, 272 feet at \$20 M,	5.44
Rails for bridge,	1.00

61 loads gravel of J. W. Wheeler at \$0.05,	\$3.05
55 loads of J. H. T. Dunlap, at \$0.05,	2.75
4 loads of George Pattee, at \$0.05,	.20
25 loads of D. W. Felch, at \$0.05,	1.25
55 loads of L. L. Chase, at \$0.05,	2.75
42 lb. of spikes at \$0.03 lb.,	1.26
Leather chips of Sim Duston, at \$0.03 lb.,	1.50
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Total amount,	\$588.10

JUNE.

Town of Salem, Dr., to W. G. Richardson, for labor on highway.

To 10 days' labor at \$2 per day,	\$20.00
Charles Smith, horse, day,	3.00
Mr. Randall, 7 days at \$1.50 per day,	10.50
Horace Hunt, 8 days at \$1.50 per day,	12.00
James Cullen, 6¾ days with team at \$4 per day,	27.00
W. Felch, 6¾ days with team at \$4 per day,	27.00

JULY.

To Charles Smith, 1 horse,	\$1.50
W. G. Richardson, 10 days' labor at \$2 per day,	20.00
G. Randall, 11 days, 6 hours' labor at \$1.50 per day,	17.40
Clarence Richardson, 3 days' labor at \$1.50 per day,	4.50
James Cullen, 9 days with pair horses at \$4 per day,	36.00
Joe Russell, 9 days at \$1.50 per day,	13.50
Irvin Felch, 8 days at \$1.50 per day,	12.00
Frank Head, 8 days at \$1.50 per day,	12.00
Clarence Felch, 8 days at \$1.50 per day,	12.00
Albert Austin, 2 days at \$1.50 per day,	3.00

W. Felch and horses, 8 days at \$4 per day,	\$32.00
Mr. Best, 120 loads gravel at \$0.10 per load,	12.00
Mr. Randall, 4 days with horse at \$2.75 per day,	11.00
Mr. Randall, 8½ days at \$1.50 per day,	12.75
Mr. Williams, 12 days at \$1.50 per day,	18.00
W. G. Richardson, 13½ days at \$2 per day,	27.00
Clarence Richardson, 6 days at \$1.25 per day,	7.50
Charles Smith, horse,	3.50
Charles Smith and horse,	1.50
Harry Scott, 1 day at \$1.50 per day,	1.50
Frank Hall, 8 hours' work at \$1.50 per day,	1.20
Frank Lundberg and horses,	3.75

SEPTEMBER.

Town of Salem, Dr.	
To Luther Gibson, 17 days at \$4 per day,	\$68.00
Mr. Williams, 16 days at \$1.50 per day,	24.00
Horace Hunt, 13 days at \$1.50 per day,	19.50
W. G. Richardson, 18 days at \$2 per day,	36.00
George Randall, 3 days at \$1.50 per day,	4.50
Morton Smith, 1 day at \$1.50 per day,	1.50
Mrs. Frank Robie, 23 loads gravel at \$0.05 per load,	1.15
Mrs. Daniel Merrill, 25 loads gravel at \$0.05 per load,	1.25
Frank Lundberg and horses, 3 days at \$4 per day,	12.00
C. Smith, blacksmithing,	.50

NOVEMBER.

Town of Salem, Dr.	
To James Cullen and horses, 5½ days' labor at \$4 per day,	\$22.00
Arthur Cullen and horses, 3½ days' labor at \$4 per day,	14.00

To Mr. Williams, 7½ days' labor at \$1.50 per day,	\$11.25
George Randall, 6½ days' labor at \$1.50 per day,	9.75
W. G. Richardson, 6½ days' labor at \$2 per day,	13.00
Mr. Best, 10 loads gravel at \$0.10 per load,	1.00
Simon Newcomb, 28 loads gravel at \$0.08 per load,	2.24
F. D. Wilson, 65 loads gravel at \$0.08 per load,	5.20
Mr. Page, blacksmithing,	1.00
James Ewins, spikes,	2.00
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	\$612.94

EXPENSE ON HIGHWAY.

K. M. McLaughlin, plank,	\$32.18
American Oxalic Acid Co., piping,	27.45
James Ayer, labor on highway,	11.55
K. M. McLaughlin, plank,	10.48
W. H. Page, sharpening tools,	2.65
F. E. Woodbury, work on road,	30.50
Cole & Brown, plank,	16.00
James M. Cummings, labor on culvert,	10.00
F. E. Woodbury, plank,	14.24
C. E. Joyce, labor on bridge,	7.28
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	\$162.33

STATEMENT OF HIGHWAY ACCOUNT.

RECEIVED.

Highway tax by law,	\$2,003.00
Highway tax, Jones bridge,	500.00
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Total received,	\$2,503.00
Total expended,	2,739.20

EXPENDED.

On account of W. G. Richardson,	\$612.94
Everett J. Brown,	600.58
D. W. Felch,	588.10
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	\$1,801.62

JONES BRIDGE.

Paid L. E. Bailey,	\$417.00
building retaining walls and	
changing grade of road and hill,	136.87
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	\$553.87
Four culverts at depot,	223.88
K. M. McLaughlin, plank,	\$42.66
American Oxalic Acid Co., piping,	27.45
James Ayer, labor,	11.55
W. H. Page, sharpening tools,	2.65
F. E. Woodbury, labor,	28.00
Cole & Brown, plank,	16.00
J. M. Cummings, labor on culvert,	10.00
F. E. Woodbury, plank,	14.24
C. E. Joyce, labor,	7.28
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	\$159.83
Total expended,	\$2,739.20
Covering stone on hand,	10.00

ELECTRIC LIGHTS.

Town appropriation,	\$1,100.00
Paid E. R. Woodbury, manager:	
February, 1904,	\$81.93
March, 1904,	83.33
April, 1904,	87.49
May, 1904,	87.49
June, 1904,	87.49
July, 1904,	87.49
August, 1904,	87.49
September, 1904,	87.49
October, 1904,	87.49
November, 1904,	89.58
December, 1904,	91.66
January, 1905,	87.16
	————— \$1,046.09
Unexpended, 1904, account,	53.91

SALEM WATER WORKS.

Balance from appropriation, 1903,	\$133.12
Amount appropriated, 1904,	1,200.00
	————— \$1,333.12
Paid to Dec. 31, 1903,	\$275.00
March 31, 1904,	275.00
July 31, 1904,	366.67
Oct. 31, 1904,	275.00
Jan. 31, 1905,	300.00
	————— \$1,491.67
Excess of appropriation,	158.55

SNOW PATHS.

John Turner,	\$4.50
R. W. E. Merrifield,	8.50
W. G. Richardson,	32.78
O. H. Butler,	11.70
W. G. Richardson and others,	42.83
W. G. Richardson and others,	140.49
J. D. Bradford,	3.00
G. M. Cross,	2.55
G. A. Brady,	41.05
H. M. Diekey,	2.25
H. V. Jennings,	3.75
W. F. Rowell,	15.00
C. P. Rowell,	5.70
K. M. McLaughlin,	40.80
C. F. Morrison,	4.27
John E. King,	10.40
John E. King,	158.67
W. A. Joy,	2.10
W. J. Gale,	5.17
C. V. Jennings,	3.38
E. Couilliard,	2.74
A. W. Wells,	3.00
F. D. Davis,	4.50
T. W. Wells,	2.25
W. A. Littlejohn,	5.25
Griffin Levalley,	11.10
W. J. Gale,	5.25
Ernest Burson,	3.30
J. W. Palmer,	3.35
F. H. Brown,	2.55
E. J. Brown,	3.60

C. S. Woodbury,	\$3.00
F. F. Wheeler,	8.50
W. Mangan,	3.00
C. M. Evans,	31.50
Joe St. Peter,	8.40
J. LeBombard,	3.00
Felix Bolanger,	6.00
John Nichols,	3.75
C. W. Joyce,	35.00
S. M. Kelley,	39.90
C. H. Smith,	5.25
D. W. Felch,	80.63
D. W. Felch,	17.25
George Carr,	2.55
Fred H. Brown,	4.65
C. F. Kimball,	10.55
E. J. Brown and others,	60.10
W. W. Cole,	1.20
F. F. Wheeler,	10.63
F. O. Wheeler,	10.86
C. W. Joyce,	3.00
George Randall,	3.15
C. H. Smith,	6.90
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	\$944.55

TOWN POOR.

H. P. Taylor, groceries for I. S. Campbell,	\$121.00
C. H. Smith, burial of Mrs. I. S. Campbell,	6.00
J. T. Douglass, coffin and robe,	23.00
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	\$150.00

COUNTY POOR.

Board of Rose A. Gile,	\$79.50
L. F. Soule, account Wm. Lenck,	3.00
G. B. Noyes, account Wm. Lenck,	1.70
C. H. Smith, account Wm. Lenck,	8.00
J. T. Douglass, account Wm. Lenck,	23.00
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	\$115.20
Dependent soldiers' families:	
Sarah E. Kimball,	156.00
Sarah E. Smith,	106.00
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	\$262.00
Due from county,	\$377.20
Received from county,	357.00
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Balance due from county,	\$20.20

REPORT OF PROSECUTING OFFICER.

Nine complaints have been made to your agent for violations of the liquor laws during the fiscal year, only one of which we were able to obtain sufficient evidence to prosecute.

In this case, the place was raided and the combined evidence was submitted at the October term of the grand jury and an indictment obtained. The party disappeared and the family soon moved from town.

To services and expenses of prosecuting officer	
for year ending Feb. 15, 1905,	\$35.00

JOHN F. HALL,
Prosecuting Officer.

TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid Benjamin R. Wheeler,	\$125.00
Wallace W. Cole,	100.00
George W. Thom,	110.00
Daniel A. Abbott, town clerk,	90.00
Fred C. Buxton, town treasurer,	40.00
John J. Hunt, collector,	150.00
James H. Hadley, supervisor,	16.00
James E. Sloan, supervisor,	18.00
John J. Hunt, supervisor,	18.00
Benj. R. Wheeler, overseer of poor,	15.94
William E. Lancaster, auditor,	2.00
George W. Palmer, auditor,	2.00
Wm. F. Rowell, special police,	14.00
Jacob W. Kelley, special police,	11.00
George Randall, special police,	5.00
John C. Nichols, constable,	12.20
Benj. R. Wheeler, tree warden,	7.14
James Ayer, board of health,	39.40
James Ayer, town clerk, 1903,	20.00
C. H. Ayer, ballot clerk,	2.00
Kimball M. McLaughlin,	14.11
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	\$811.79

RECAPITULATION.

Paid for schools,	\$6,955.92
highways and bridges,	2,739.20
snow paths,	944.52
county poor and dependent soldiers,	377.20
town poor,	150.00
electric lights,	1,046.09
water works,	1,491.67
abatements and discounts,	558.53
town officers,	811.79
miscellaneous,	9,023.03
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	\$24,097.95

BENJAMIN R. WHEELER,
GEORGE W. THOM.

We, the undersigned, have examined the foregoing accounts and find them properly vouched for.

G. B. NOYES,
F. D. WILSON,
J. E. SLOAN,

Auditors.

COLLECTOR'S ACCOUNT.

Amount of taxes committed to J. J. Hunt,	\$17,034.56
Received from J. J. Hunt, cash,	\$14,277.79
Received from abatements and dis-	
count,	112.45
	<hr/> \$14,390.24
Due on taxes, 1904,	\$2,644.32
Due from J. J. Hunt, taxes, 1903, and interest,	\$2,327.43
Received from J. J. Hunt, cash,	\$1,866.01
Received land bought for taxes,	102.22
Abatements,	359.20
	<hr/> 2,327.43
Due on land bought for taxes, 1903,	102.22
Due from F. C. Buxton, taxes, 1902,	25.74
Received from F. C. Buxton, cash,	\$0.74
Abatements,	25.00
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Due on land bought for taxes, 1902,	82.76
Due from F. O. Wheeler, taxes, 1901,	\$233.73
Received abatements,	73.72
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Due from F. O. Wheeler, taxes, 1901,	160.01
Due on land bought for taxes, 1901,	\$19.84
Received cash for land bought for taxes	
1901,	16.70
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Due on land bought for taxes, 1901,	3.14
Due on land bought for taxes, 1900,	\$17.95
Received abatements for taxes, 1900,	8.74
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Due on land bought for taxes, 1900,	9.21
Due on land bought for taxes, 1898,	30.00
Received cash for land sold for taxes, 1898,	30.00

STATEMENT—DUE THE TOWN.

Due on land bought for taxes, 1900,	\$9.21
Due on land bought for taxes, 1901,	3.14
Due on land bought for taxes, 1902,	82.76
Due on land bought for taxes, 1903,	102.22
Due on land bought for taxes, 1904,	14.00
Due from F. O. Wheeler, taxes, 1901,	160.01
Due from J. J. Hunt, taxes, 1904,	2,644.32
Cash in hands of treasurer,	688.11
Due from county,	20.20
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	\$3,723.97
Due from M. G. Gagne (milk),	17.60
Due from James Sinnott (milk),	260.20
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	\$277.80

APPRAISAL OF PROPERTY OWNED BY TOWN.

Town farm,	\$5,000.00
Town safe,	200.00
Town house,	2,500.00
Two hearses,	450.00
Road machine,	225.00
Personal property at town farm,	2,869.86
Lumber on hand,	41.09
Seven fire extinguishers,	14.00
Covering stone,	10.00
2,000 feet hose,	575.00
8 nozzles and spanners,	64.00
250 feet pipe and fittings,	13.25
Wood land,	275.00
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	\$12,237.20

TOWN TREASURER'S STATEMENT.

DR.

Feb. 15, 1903, cash on hand,		\$2,272.93
Received from John J. Hunt, collector		
taxes, 1903,	\$1,866.01	
abatements, 1903,	359.20	
taxes, 1904,	14,277.79	
abatements, 1904,	91.87	
land bought for taxes,		
1903,	155.33	
land bought for taxes,		
1904,	19.78	
		<hr/> 16,769.98
Fred C. Buxton, col-		
lector taxes, 1902,	\$0.74	
abatements, 1902,	25.00	
taxes redeemed, 1902,	6.90	
		<hr/> 32.64
Fred O. Wheeler, collec-		
tor, abatements, 1900,	\$8.74	
abatements, 1901,	73.72	
taxes redeemed, 1901,	16.70	
		<hr/> 99.16
B. R. Wheeler, land re-		
deemed for taxes, 1898,	30.00	
National Bank of Methuen, in anticipation of taxes,	3,460.18	
Dog license,	347.03	
New Hampshire board of license commissioners,	20.25	

State railroad tax,	\$187.61	
Savings bank tax,	285.03	
Literary fund,	187.55	
Proportion school fund,	644.00	
High school tuition,	43.46	
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County aid,		357.00
W. G. Richardson, town farm account,		27.59
B. R. Wheeler, sale of lumber,		3.15
Harry Haigh, use of hall,		.50
Selectmen, use of hall,		18.00
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		\$24,786.06

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By paid selectmen's order No. 1,	\$4,199.55	
No. 2,	10,896.48	
No. 3,	8,910.05	
No. 4,	91.87	
	<hr/>	\$24,097.95
Balance on hand,		688.11
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		\$24,786.06

FRED C. BUXTON,

Town Treasurer.

We, the undersigned, have examined the foregoing accounts and find them properly vouched for.

G. B. NOYES,

F. D. WILSON,

J. E. SLOAN,

Auditors.

TOWN INDEBTEDNESS.

CEMETERY FUNDS.

PINE GROVE.

Corning fund for driveways,	\$688.13
Cundy fund for care of lot,	113.50
Whittier fund for care of lot,	50.00
Buck fund for care of lot,	102.50
Emerson fund for care of lot,	102.50
Noyes fund for care of lot,	106.50
Pettengill fund for care of lot,	102.50
Corning fund for care of lot,	217.00
Robinson fund for care of lot,	102.50
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	\$1,585.13

MOUNT PLEASANT.

Newell fund, care of lot,	\$102.50
Merrick fund, care of lot,	102.50
C. G. Taylor fund, care of lot,	102.50
Paul fund, care of lot,	102.50
R. P. Taylor fund, care of lot,	102.50
Hunt fund, care of lot,	102.50
Duston fund, care of lot,	102.50
J. Taylor, Jr., fund, care of lot,	101.50
Otis Taylor fund, care of lot,	102.50
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	\$921.50
Old school note, No. 2,	293.54
Old school note, No. 10,	258.26
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	\$551.80

Selectmen's account, Pine Grove,	\$116.67
Selectmen's account, Mount Pleasant,	9.10
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	\$125.77
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Total fund indebtedness,	\$3,184.20

PINE GROVE CEMETERY FUNDS.

Gilman Corning fund,	\$700.00	
Unexpended balance, 1903,	4.63	
Interest, 1904,	24.50	
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	\$729.13	
Paid C. H. Smith, labor on drives,	41.00	
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Balance due Corning fund,		\$688.13
Cundy fund,	\$113.00	
Interest to Dec. 31, 1904,	3.50	
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	\$116.50	
Expended on lot,	3.00	
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Due on Cundy fund,		\$113.50
Whittier fund,	\$50.00	
Interest to April 1, 1904,	2.00	
Expended on lot,	2.00	
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Due on Whittier fund,		\$50.00
Buck fund,	\$102.00	
Interest to Nov. 4, 1904,	3.50	
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	\$105.50	
Expended on lot,	\$3.00	
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Due on Buck fund,		\$102.50

Emerson fund,	\$102.00	
Interest to April 1, 1904,	3.50	
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	\$105.50	
Expended on lot,	3.00	
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Due on Emerson fund,		\$102.50
Noyes fund,	\$106.00	
Interest to April 1, 1904,	3.50	
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	\$109.50	
Expended on lot,	3.00	
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Due on Noyes fund,		\$106.50
Benniah Pettengill fund,	\$102.00	
Interest to March 24, 1904,	3.50	
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	\$105.50	
Expended on lot,	3.00	
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Due on Pettengill fund,		\$102.50
Gilman Corning fund,	\$212.00	
Interest to May 15, 1904,	7.00	
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	\$219.00	
Expended on lot,	2.00	
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Due on Corning fund,		\$217.00
Albert Robinson fund,	\$102.00	
Interest to Oct. 1, 1904,	3.50	
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	\$105.50	
Expended on lot,	3.00	
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Due on Robinson fund,		\$102.50

MOUNT PLEASANT CEMETERY FUNDS.

Samuel T. Newell fund,	\$102.00	
Interest to Oct. 1, 1904,	3.50	
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	\$105.50	
Expended on lot,	3.00	
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Due on Newell lot,		\$102.50
Albert Merrick fund,	\$102.00	
Interest to April 1, 1904,	3.50	
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	\$105.50	
Expended on lot,	3.00	
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Due on Merrick fund,		\$102.50
C. G. Taylor fund,	\$102.00	
Interest to April 1, 1904,	3.50	
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	\$105.50	
Expended on lot,	3.00	
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Due on Taylor fund,		\$102.50
Mathew Paul fund,	\$102.00	
Interest to April 1, 1904,	3.50	
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	\$105.50	
Expended on lot,	3.50	
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Due on Paul fund,		\$102.50
Otis Taylor fund,	\$102.00	
Interest to 1904,	3.50	
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	\$105.50	
Expended on lot,	3.00	
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Due on Otis Taylor fund,		\$102.50

Hattie D. Hunt fund,	\$102.00	
Interest to March 13, 1904,	3.50	
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	\$105.50	
Expended on lot,	3.00	
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Due on Hunt fund,		\$102.50
Augusta M. Duston fund,	\$102.00	
Interest to March 13, 1904,	3.50	
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	\$105.50	
Expended on lot,	3.00	
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Due on Duston fund,		\$102.50
Reuben P. Taylor fund,	\$102.00	
Interest to Oct. 7, 1904,	3.50	
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	\$105.50	
Expended on lot,	3.00	
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Due on Taylor fund,		\$102.50
John Taylor, Jr., fund,	\$101.00	
Interest to July 1, 1904,	3.50	
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	\$104.50	
Expended on lot,	3.00	
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Due on Taylor fund,		\$101.50

OVERSEER OF THE POOR.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT AT ALMSHOUSE.

Paid for grain,	\$887.85
cows,	336.30
phosphate,	36.45
grass,	47.00
pigs,	6.00
groceries,	179.64
provisions,	137.81
miscellaneous,	58.92
sulky plow,	40.00
seed potatoes,	26.68
seeds,	17.65
hardware,	11.23
blacksmith and repairs,	23.04
chickens,	53.58
labor,	529.89
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	\$2,392.04
Balance due on cows,	163.90
Received for milk,	\$1,514.15
pork and hogs,	83.10
fowls,	70.51
vegetables,	72.72
eggs,	241.39
wood,	43.50
poles,	25.00
labor,	114.10
plank,	14.25

Received for vinegar,	\$11.85
cows,	236.30
calves,	30.07
old plow and harrow,	12.00
old iron,	5.83
use of bull,	1.00
bags,	4.04
old washing machine,	1.00
snow roller,	8.50
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	\$2,489.31
Paid out,	\$2,392.04
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Cash on hand,	\$97.27

PERSONAL PROPERTY AT ALMSHOUSE,
FEB. 15, 1905.

17 tons English hay,	\$255.00
5 tons meadow hay,	40.00
10 tons ensilage,	50.00
Market wagon,	30.00
Democrat wagon,	25.00
1 old mowing machine,	5.00
1 new McCormic machine,	25.00
1 horse rake,	4.00
2 wheel harrows,	15.00
Farm wagon,	5.00
1 two-horse wagon,	25.00
1 two-horse cart,	35.00
1 two-horse sled,	5.00
Ox cart,	10.00
1 weeder,	5.00
2 double harnesses,	20.00
1 new harness,	15.00
1 heavy harness,	10.00
1 sulky plow,	40.00
1 road plow,	18.00
1 swivel plow,	10.00
Lot old plows,	4.00
35 empty flour barrels,	5.25
182 fowls,	100.00
25 cows,	1,125.00
1 calf,	5.00
1 bull,	25.00
3 horses,	400.00
2 shoats,	15.00
100 lb. mixed feed,	1.20

200 lb. meat,	\$2.30
200 lb. gluten,	2.70
Scraps and shells,	2.00
3 ladders,	4.00
6 hay forks,	1.75
3 horse blankets,	6.00
Pulley blocks and rope,	2.00
Lot of halters,	1.50
Lot of baskets,	.75
Nails,	1.80
Chicken wire,	2.25
300 feet boards,	3.00
8 fire extinguishers,	16.00
6 cords prepared wood,	30.00
10 cords wood, oak and maple,	30.00
5 cords fire wood,	12.50
9 meal bags,	1.00
200 sacks,	4.00
1 pung,	35.00
Stone drag,	4.00
20 bushels small potatoes,	5.00
35 bushels potatoes,	21.00
6 barrels apples,	6.00
4 bushels beets,	2.00
Barrel salt pork,	15.00
200 gallons vinegar and casks,	20.00
Ice,	25.00
10 lb. beef,	.80
40 cans fruit,	5.50
2 lb. butter,	.56
20 lb. lard,	2.50
3 pecks beans,	3.25
Crackers,	1.00
Sugar,	1.50
Groceries,	3.00
Half barrel flour,	4.00

16 sheets,	\$3.75
10 straw beds,	5.00
16 feather beds,	30.00
20 pillows and bolsters,	13.50
12 quilts,	11.00
30 towels,	3.00
Knives and forks,	1.00
Lamps,	1.00
Mirrors and clocks,	2.50
2 table cloths,	2.00
1 dozen napkins,	.60
1 blanket,	.50
1 white spread,	1.00
20 pillow slips,	2.00
Milk tank,	7.00
Milk aëerator,	6.00
16 window screens,	3.50
2 screen doors,	1.50
Chest and drawers,	6.00
Crockery,	1.00
Jugs,	.50
Sideboard,	3.00
Clothes line,	.50
Brooms,	1.00
Wash tubs,	1.00
Clothes horses,	2.00
Watering pots,	1.00
Flat irons,	2.00
Steelyards,	.30
2 pork barrels,	1.00
2 brass kettles,	.50
Oil and can,	1.25
Oil stove,	.40
Tobacco cutter,	.80
Churn and milk pails,	3.60
36 milk cans,	22.00

Tinware,	\$3.00
Butter box,	.40
Lantern,	1.00
Warming pan,	2.00
Chairs and tables,	10.00
Stone jars,	1.00
1 wringer,	1.65
Cooking stove,	15.00
Soap and washing powder,	.25
2 wood stoves,	7.50
15 curtains,	3.00
3 picks,	1.50
4 manure forks,	1.50
2 scoop shovels,	1.00
6 shovels,	4.00
3 hoes,	1.00
Stone pick,	.65
3 potato hooks,	.90
3 rakes,	1.00
Seythes and snaths,	3.00
Iron bars,	1.00
Chains,	2.75
Stone hammers,	2.00
1 A harrow,	2.00
Whiffletrees,	2.00
Yokes,	2.00
Horse weight,	1.00
Wood measurers,	1.00
Hay cutter,	1.00
2 cross-cut saws,	2.00
4 axes,	4.00
Hay rack,	6.00
Grain chest,	5.00
Garden rakes,	.80
3 wood saws,	1.50
Horse hoe,	4.00

Corn planter,	\$12.00
Grindstone,	3.00
8 pails,	1.00
3 augers,	1.00
2 feed bags,	1.25
2 bush scythes,	1.00
Curry combs and brushes,	.75
2 cant hooks,	2.00
2 pairs ice tongs,	1.25
Half dozen files,	.40
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	\$2,869.86
Appraisal, April, 1904,	2,080.13

CASH ACCOUNT.

Feb. 15, 1904, town of Salem in account with W. G. Richardson.

By H. P. Taylor, groceries,	\$4.03	
O. Miller, fish,	.98	
Wm. E. Gowing & Son, meat,	4.04	
J. O. Ellison, grain,	9.68	
J. O. Ellison, grain,	12.75	
W. B. Kelley, labor,	16.00	
W. H. Bryant, labor,	10.00	
James Ewins, groceries,	3.95	
2 bushels turnips, Mr. Cole,	1.00	
J. O. Ellison, grain,	18.50	
Clarence Richardson, labor,	5.00	
2 stake chains,	.50	
S. Phillips, killing hogs,	5.00	
1 ham,	2.00	
refrigerator,	7.00	
Paid order,		\$100.43

RECEIVED IN FEBRUARY.

	\$37.52	
Balance from old account,	37.52	
To M. G. Gagne, milk,	101.14	
To shoveling snow,	54.60	
	\$193.26	
Paid order,	100.43	
Balance,		\$92.83

March, 1904, town of Salem, in account with W. G. Richardson, Dr.

By O. Miller, fish,	\$2.13	
John Shea, grain,	12.00	
H. P. Taylor, groceries,	15.48	
W. B. Kelley, labor,	16.00	
C. F. Kimball & Son, grain,	9.44	
25, Leslie's dry goods store, strainer cloth,	.32	
W. H. Bryant, labor,	10.00	
James Ewins, groceries,	8.14	
19, Wm. E. Gowing & Son, meat,	3.95	
10, John Shea, grain,	12.75	
C. F. Kimball & Son, grain,	17.60	
J. O. Ellison & Co., grain,	15.25	
J. O. Ellison & Co., grain,	12.42	
J. O. Ellison & Co., grain,	25.56	
J. O. Ellison & Co., grain,	10.38	
Wm. E. Gowing & Son, meat,	3.10	
Lawrence Market, meat,	.50	
W. L. Duston, meat,	3.90	
Clarence Richardson, labor,	10.00	
J. O. Ellison, grain,	21.50	
pasturing,	3.00	
G. Sweatt, flour and groceries,	10.00	
Wm. E. Gowing, meat,	5.00	
Whitewash,	.50	
Paid order,		\$228.92

RECEIVED IN MARCH, 1904.

To balance from old account,	\$92.83	
M. G. Gagne, milk,	155.60	
shoveling snow,	21.75	
	\$270.18	
Paid order,	228.92	
		\$41.26

April, 1904, town of Salem, in account with W. G. Richardson; Dr.

By 1 dozen cups and saucers, Mitchell's

store,	\$1.00
H. P. Taylor, groceries,	9.33
O. Miller, fish,	1.93
chairs and table, John Hutchinson,	4.00
20 towels, Simonds & Adams' store,	2.00
W. H. Bryant, labor,	10.00
John Shea, grain,	10.20
J. O. Ellison & Co., grain,	17.32
C. H. Smith, blacksmith,	8.35
James Ewins, groceries,	12.24
Clarence Richardson, labor,	7.00
Charles Smith, 2 barrels,	1.50
C. F. Kimball, grain,	12.50
W. W. Cole, hay,	25.00
tea, George Ferguson,	1.00
coffee, George Ferguson,	1.00
C. F. Kimball, grain,	10.00
W. G. Richardson, balance salary,	50.00

\$184.37

Paid for market butter,

4.50

Paid order,

\$188.87

RECEIVED IN APRIL, 1904.

To balance from old account,	\$41.26
milk, Philip Bergeron,	90.20
beets,	25.00
bags,	6.00
carrots,	4.00
received for hogs,	50.00

\$216.46

Paid order,

188.87

\$27.59

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

In submitting our report for year ending Feb. 15, 1905, we mention the occurrence of four fires, one of which was a chimney fire in the tenement house of Mrs. J. H. Lancaster, which was handled with the chemicals.

The fire in the Congregational Church, causing a damage of about \$25, was controlled by the hose company's chemical extinguishers.

The hay barn near the cemetery, owned by L. B. McLaughlin, entailed a loss of about \$200.

The Grank Goodhue farm buildings were a total loss, estimated at about \$1,800.

SCHEDULE OF PROPERTY.

300 feet Eureka hose.

700 feet Underwriters' No. 1 hose.

15 spanners,

2 hydrant wrenches.

4 nozzles, two 1-inch, two $\frac{3}{4}$ -inch.

2 Standard chemical fire extinguishers (property of Salem Village Hose Co.).

To services of fire warden for year ending Feb.

15, 1905,

\$10.00

JOHN F. HALL,

Fire Warden.

FIRE WARDEN'S REPORT.

I submit the following report for the year ending February 15, 1905:

I have on hand:

300 feet of rubber-lined hose.

700 feet of linen hose.

2 one-inch nozzles.

2 half-inch nozzles.

15 spanners.

2 hydrant wrenches.

All are in good condition.

There have been two fires in my district the past year—one on April 30 at the property of the American Oxalic Acid Company in the building known as the lime shed, with a small loss.

On July 5 the Canobie Lake hotel, owned by Mr. Paul Hanagin, was destroyed with a loss of about three thousand dollars (\$3,000).

At this fire the Salem Depot Hose Company, No. 1, did good work and by their united efforts no doubt saved quite a number of the cottages in that vicinity.

There have been four still alarms for chimney fires during the past year.

The fire company has held its meetings regularly according to law, their meetings being held the first Thursday evening of each month at Pilgrim Hall. Proper drill work has not been held, as we have not a safe carriage to carry our hose on, as was plainly shown in the drills we held.

We also need a proper place to dry our hose in after using.

In my judgment, if this matter is not attended to the time will come when we shall all realize it to our sorrow.

OFFICERS.

Foreman,	David S. Emery.
Assistant Foreman,	Walter F. Hadley.
Clerk,	Edward Cavanaugh.
Treasurer,	C. Edwin Merrill.

Respectfully submitted,

DAVID S. EMERY,
Fire Warden.

SALEM DEPOT.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH.

To the Selectmen of Salem:

The board of health submits its annual report:

At the commencement of the year, April 1, there was a vacancy on the board. The selectmen appointed Warren E. Bodwell to fill the vacancy and, having taken the oath of office, he entered on its duties.

Some of the public buildings have been inspected and found in good condition.

The town has been fortunate in having but few cases of contagious disease, there being only two cases of diphtheria, four cases of measles and five cases of scarlet fever, none of which proved fatal.

There was one case of alleged nuisance brought to the attention of the board, which was promptly attended to, but drastic action was deemed unnecessary.

At the request of the state board of health the local board took a sample of the water of Canobie Lake in the vicinity of the intake of the Salem water works. The result of the analysis is as follows:

Laboratory No. 2045. CONCORD, N. H., JUNE 18, 1904.

Source of sample, Canobie Lake supply.

Turbidity, slight.

Sediment, slight.

Odor, marked veg.

Color, 0.05.

Free ammonia, .0014.

Albuminoid ammonia, .0136.,

Nitrates, .0000.

Nitrites, .0000.

Oxygen consumed ———

Chlorine, .3000.

Total solids, 6.20.

Fixed solids, 2.80.

Hardness, 2.60.

Iron ———.

Lead ———.

Remarks: This water is in its normal condition.

Very respectfully,

H. E. BARNARD,

Chemist.

The number of deaths in Salem for the year 1904 was
31. Death rate per cent. on 1,000 population, 15.18 plus.

KIMBALL M. McLAUGHLIN,

WARREN E. BODWELL,

JAMES AYER,

Board of Health.

SALEM FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

To the Board of Trustees of the Salem Public Library:

GENTLEMEN: The eleventh annual report of the library, showing its work for the year ending Feb. 15, 1905, is herewith presented.

The year's growth.—The whole number of books reported last year was 1,839. Since then the number of accessions has been 47, comprising 39 volumes obtained by purchase and eight gifts, making a total now in the library of 1,886, aside from the public documents and reports, which number 320 bound volumes and 650 paper covers and pamphlets.

The year's circulation.—During the year 4,837 volumes were issued for home use, 615 less than last year. A fraction over one third of the books were sent to the Depot Village, and a little over one-sixth to North Salem. The largest number issued in one month was 510, in April. The smallest number, 302, in June. The largest number in one day, 131, April 2. The smallest number, 61, June 25. Average per day, 93. Number of cards issued, 50.

Received for fines,	\$6.76
For sale of catalogues,	2.40
	— \$9.16

Respectfully submitted,

SUSAN A. CLUFF,
Librarian.

February 15, 1905.

BENJAMIN R. WHEELER, TREASURER, DR.

1904.

Feb. 16.	Cash from former treasurer,	\$25.23
	Cash from town,	50.00
	Cash from town,	100.00
	Balance of town appropriation,	36.40
Feb. 15.	Cash received for fines,	6.76
	Cash received from sale of catalogues,	2.40
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		\$220.79

Statement of funds held by trustees:

In Amoskeag Savings Bank, Manchester, Jan. 3, 1902,	\$330.08
In Essex Savings Bank, Lawrence, Mass., Feb. 11, 1904,	175.00
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	\$505.08

BENJAMIN R. WHEELER, TREASURER, CR.

1904.

March 25.	Paid Geo. C. Gordon & Son, insurance,	\$5.40
May 3.	S. A. Cluff, librarian,	15.00
July 9.	S. A. Cluff, librarian,	18.75
Aug. 3.	E. E. Peaslee,	12.72
	James Ewins,	4.80
	20. Bureau of National Literature and Art,	36.00
Sept. 3.	State map,	1.50
Aug. 29.	DeWolfe, Fiske & Co.,	31.11
Oct. 26.	F. B. Lowell,	4.42
Dec. 3.	B. R. Wheeler, grading,	3.00
	20. S. A. Cluff, librarian,	18.85

1905. -		
Jan.	7. J. C. Crowell, wood,	\$3.00
	13. S. A. Cluff, librarian,	18.95
Feb.	4. W. W. Cole, wood,	5.00
	15. J. H. Wilson, conveying books,	28.50
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		\$207.00
	Cash on hand, Feb. 15, 1905.	13.79
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		\$220.79

BENJAMIN R. WHEELER,

Treasurer.

We, the undersigned, have examined the foregoing and found them properly vouched for.

G. B. NOYES,

F. D. WILSON,

J. E. SLOAN,

Auditors.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE SALEM FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

The trustees of the free public library respectfully submit their annual report for the year ending February 15, 1905.

The trustees organized at the beginning of the fiscal year by the choice of a chairman, treasurer and clerk. They have held regular monthly meetings during the year for the transaction of business. There has been a good number of books added to the library this year.

The old custom of transporting books to North Salem and Salem Depot has been followed. The expense of this has been greater this year than for the year ending Feb. 15, 1904, for the reason that since the mails to and from the Depot Village have been carried by the electric railway company Mr. Wilson, the person who carried the mail and books up to that time, has had to make one extra trip each week to the Depot Village in carrying the books for distribution. It seems that if the custom of carrying the books is continued, more money will have to be raised for the support of the library.

Mrs. Susan A. Cluff has performed the duties of librarian faithfully and well.

The trustees recommend that the sum of one hundred and twenty-five dollars (\$125.00) be raised for the support of the Salem free public library for the year ensuing, in addition to the tax required by law, in order to meet what may be needed to pay the additional expense of the library this year.

Respectfully submitted,

CLINTON L. SILVER,
BENJAMIN R. WHEELER,
LOREN B. McLAUGHLIN,

Trustees of Salem Free Public Library.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

REPORT OF SCHOOL BOARD.

To Members of the School District:

Since our last annual meeting, two important changes have occurred in the supervisory district. The dissolution of the former compact between Salem, Epping and Hudson rendered necessary the new organization which is formed of Salem and Hudson. The other change was in the superintendency, caused by the expiration of Supt. E. E. Hulse's term of service.

On July 15, 1904, the Salem and Hudson school committees met in joint session at Salem, N. H., and organized into a supervisory district.

This joint committee has been fortunate in securing the services of Mr. H. A. Brown of Liberty, Me., as superintendent, who has been rendering the district faithful and efficient service in this capacity since September 1, 1904.

Your committee for Salem has employed 12 teachers besides the instructor in music, W. E. Hartwell. All have been faithful and competent.

Schools No. 3, No. 4, No. 8 and two rooms in No. 1 have been in session for 34 weeks.

Schools No. 5 and No. 7 have been in session for 33 and No. 9 for 30 weeks. These schools lost time through illness of teachers.

At No. 6, 33 weeks of school have been given to two rooms and 20 weeks to one room. These schools lost a week through inability to occupy the building before September 12.

No. 10 has been in session for 35 weeks. The extra time given here is due to the special fund to be applied in their behalf.

Your committee has experienced no little annoyance through unavoidable circumstances, such as illness of teachers and resignations, but on the whole feel gratified that it is as well as it is.

We feel that the number of school weeks ought to be increased for the ensuing year to at least 35 or 36 and that an effort ought to be made to give those schools, which have been deprived of their time a part of the past year, enough extra schooling to equalize the advantages of all throughout the district.

Your committee wish to thank all teachers for their conscientious and faithful service, and all members of the school district for their patience and co-operation, which have rendered possible the measure of success we have attained.

Following is appended the financial report of the school board.

 FINANCIAL REPORT.

The school board charge themselves with the following items:

Interest on No. 3 note,	\$9.31
Interest on No. 2 note,	14.68
Interest on No. 10 note,	12.91
Shingling No. 3 schoolhouse,	32.00
Painting No. 5 schoolhouse,	50.00
Repairs on No. 6 schoolhouse,	100.00
Insurance,	140.00
Rebate from state on tuition,	43.46
Literary fund,	187.55
Dog tax,	300.00
Proportion of school fund,	644.00
Raised by vote,	3,000.00
Raised by law,	1,578.00

Total amount, exclusive of money raised for purchase of land,		\$6,111.91
Total amount expended,	\$6,085.12	
Balance,	26.79	

Amount raised for land,		\$200.00
Paid for lot of land,	\$175.00	
Balance,	25.00	

They have expended:		\$200.00
For teachers,		\$3,420.50
janitors,		384.81
fuel,		436.63

For books,	\$121.38
supplies,	233.64
conveyance of pupils,	133.00
repairs,	263.26
freight and express,	9.19
school officers,	98.00
superintendent,	375.00
teaching of music,	160.00
insurance,	159.00
enumeration,	10.00
tuition,	179.99
furniture,	85.32
miscellaneous,	15.40
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	\$6,085.12

C. L. SILVER,

J. F. BLACKLOCK,

J. P. ATWOOD,

School Board of Salem, N. H.

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

To the Inhabitants of the Town School District in the town of Salem, qualified to vote in district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the town hall on Saturday, the eighteenth day of March, 1905, at two o'clock in the afternoon to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a moderator for the ensuing year.
2. To choose a clerk for the ensuing year.
3. To choose a treasurer for the ensuing year.
4. To choose a member of the school board for the ensuing three years.
5. To choose a member of the school board for the ensuing one year.
6. To see what sum of money the district will vote to raise for the support of schools in addition to the tax required by law.
7. To see if the district will vote to raise two hundred dollars (\$200) for special repairs on its schoolhouses.
8. To see if the district will vote to raise the sum of one hundred and sixty dollars (\$160) for reinsuring its schoolhouses.
9. To see if the district will vote to raise the sum of five hundred dollars (\$500) to pay the tuition of its pupils attending the Methuen high school.
10. To see if the district will vote to raise a sum of money for digging a well and furnishing a pump for same at schoolhouse No. 9.

11. To see if the district will vote to raise a sum of money for digging a well and furnishing a pump for same at schoolhouse No. 4.

12. To see if the district will vote to raise the sum of one hundred and thirty-nine dollars (\$139) to pay the claim of Eastman & Hollis against the district.

To hear the reports of agents, auditors, committees or officers heretofore chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.

To choose agents, auditors and committees in relation to any subjects embraced in this warrant.

Given under our hands at said Salem, this twenty-fourth day of February, 1905.

CLINTON L. SILVER,
JOHN P. ATWOOD,
J. F. BLACKLOCK,
School Board of Salem, N. H.

A true copy of Warrant. Attest:

CLINTON L. SILVER,
JOHN P. ATWOOD,
J. F. BLACKLOCK,
School Board of Salem, N. H.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

To the School Board of Salem:

GENTLEMEN: In accordance with former custom, I present this report on the condition and progress of the schools of Salem during the time they have been under my supervision. At the end of this report are certain statistics concerning schools for the year ending August 1, 1904.

The most of the first term was required to get acquainted with each school and to learn the special needs of each. It is impossible to criticise justly and to suggest helpfully without understanding thoroughly both the teacher and the pupils. And so the first few weeks were given entirely to a careful study of the pupils, teachers and conditions surrounding both. Only five of the teachers, who continued through the fall term, had taught their schools before. On account of these facts the schools were a little slow in getting to work. But since the first few weeks good progress has been made.

One of the first matters which claimed my attention was the lack of system in phonic work or, in some cases, an entire absence of any work in this line. It is my belief that phonic work should begin as soon as the child gets thoroughly started in the first grade and should continue through the lower grades. In the best schools of the present day the pupils have systematic work in phonics every day. To apply a remedy to this condition Ward's "Rational Method in Reading" was introduced. This is a combination of the word and phonic method. It utilizes each for that part of the work to which it is especially adapted. The word method is used entirely at first because as is claimed, it has "a value in developing a habit of

reading thoughtfully." And later in the course it aids in that it may be used where the phonic system fails, for, on account of the peculiar structure of the English language, it is difficult to teach certain words as phonic words, but they may be taught as sight words. The work in phonics is introduced gradually, step by step, as the child proceeds, until, finally, it is largely by it that he progresses. It is our aim in this method to make the child independent and self-reliant in his reading. He will be able to read a greater amount and thus, as a result, he will have a large vocabulary and greater maturity of mind. Furthermore, the child taught in this way will have greater ability to read if his school days should end early. It is, of course, too early yet to look for results as the work has just begun.

Another matter, which forced itself upon my attention at the first, was the system of grading in the rural schools. I found teachers who had six, seven, eight and nine grades. It must be clear to any one that it is impossible for one teacher to teach nine grades and do justice to the pupils. An endeavor is being made to consolidate the classes in these schools. It is our purpose to cover as nearly as possible the same work as in the graded schools in the villages. The schools are divided into three sections, called the primary, intermediate and grammar sections. Each of these sections covers the same work as the corresponding grades in the graded schools. By adopting this system of grading and reducing the number of classes the teacher will be able to devote more time to each and better results will be forthcoming at once.

New histories were bought at the beginning of the year and during the past two terms we have been preparing the way for introducing a course of study in history which is now prepared and will be put into the hands of the teachers at the beginning of next term. In following out the course in the first and second grades, the child will be

made familiar with a few of the main facts of our history and his interest and enthusiasm aroused by stories and incidents of adventure about the lives of our great men, told by the teacher. The stories tend to produce a love for the flag and to instill patriotism into the little child's mind. Then, in the latter part of the third grade and in the fourth, he reads for himself interesting history stories, told in very simple language about the great men and the great events in our history. At all times to keep the pupil's interest at a high pitch and to lay the foundation of the future historical structure are our chief aims. To leave the child with a strong desire for further study is striven for at all times. Proceeding to the fifth grade, more unity is given to United States history as a whole. A simple connected account of our history, taking up only the leading facts, is read and discussed by the pupils and teacher. It is not our purpose in these grades to require the memorizing of many facts but to learn a few with the greatest possible exactness. The pupil learns, under the careful guidance of the teacher, to think for himself, to choose the important, to discard the unimportant, to exercise discriminative judgment. In the sixth grade the work is taken up in such a way as to fill out and supplement the work of the preceding grade. It is entirely biographical. The history of each period centers around some character. During the next two years the pupil takes up the formal study of United States history. It is our plan not to follow the order of any particular book, but the subject is to be developed by the use of several. It is our object to teach the pupil how to find things from books for himself. We strive especially to avoid memorizing the exact words of the book without understanding the thought expressed. One lesson a week in the ninth grade is devoted to reviewing and summarizing the work of previous years. None of the teachers has as yet been able to get the work arranged

entirely in accordance with this plan but it is hoped that by the end of the year all may be following it closely.

We have a systematic course in arithmetic from the first to the ninth grade. Emphasis is laid at all times on the practical side of the subject. We believe that in the earlier years, and especially in the first grade, the pupil should not be pushed in number work. The best educators of the present day agree that formal number work should be somewhat defined and that a great deal of sense training should be given. We strive to follow the natural order of the development of the child's mind and to produce an environment suited to calling forth its natural activities, for "running counter to the true activities of the mind certainly distorts and may possibly destroy them." By deferring the formal number work and giving in its place work suited to calling forth the natural activities of the child's mind the child's mental horizon will be so broadened that he will make greater progress in the higher grades. Therefore, in the first grade we give much sense training and exercise of the perceptive faculties. In the latter part of the year we incidentally give a knowledge of numbers to ten. At the close of the second year the pupils are expected to have perfect command of combinations to twenty and, on completing the third year, of the multiplication and division tables. But we emphasize the fact that "the teacher should bear in mind that the method which neglects to recognize number as measurement and considers it simply as a plurality of fixed units necessarily leads to exhausting and meaningless drill." All the work in arithmetic is made to center around problems such as are likely to come into the every-day experiences of the boy or girl. The spiral system is used and a number of topics are introduced early in the course and developed together up through the grades, using problems all the time which grow more difficult as progress is made. We do not use a text book which

is a complete "encyclopædia" of the subject, but our study is limited to those topics which the boy or girl is sure to need in every-day life and these are taught thoroughly. All such subjects as stocks and bonds, alligation, etc., are omitted. Elementary algebra is introduced in the ninth grade.

The child first begins his study of geography by observing objects in the schoolroom and their location, learns the points of the compass, observes the natural physical phenomena out of doors in the school yard and about home. It is only by observing and studying carefully that which he sees in the world about him and then by using his imagination that he can know that which is beyond the range of his own vision. We do not commence the study by compelling the child to commit to memory in a blind sort of way the statements found on the first pages of most books about lines, circles, orbits, etc., but we lead him to observe what he can see about him in his travels every day and to use this knowledge in understanding what he is unable to see. It is a waste of time to compel the pupil to commit to memory all that is found in most geographies about foreign countries. But by observing the pupil can learn why a city is located where it is, why certain crops are raised where they are, why certain industries are carried on where they are, etc. We strive to keep in mind that good teaching should develop power rather than a mere memory of details.

The work in language teaches the child to express clearly, forcibly and correctly what he has to say. The work in this subject centers around conversation, literature, art through pictures and nature study. Technical grammar is taught in the higher grades.

Penmanship and spelling receive their proper share of attention.

The music has been under the charge of Mr. W. E. Hartwell, to whose report I refer you. In my opinion the best of work has been done in this line.

I wish to call your special attention to the condition of the grammar school at the Depot. I find many pupils there who are not equal in mental ability to the grade in which they are. They are, as a rule, bright pupils but for some reason have been put in too high grades. Now, in order to secure and maintain a standard of scholarship for our schools, which will be recognized by other higher institutions, we must insist on as high a grade of scholarship for promotion and for graduation as is required elsewhere. If, for this reason, pupils fail to pass the required examinations for promotion at the end of the year, no blame should be laid on the present teacher, as she has labored faithfully and conscientiously to bring her pupils up to the required standard.

Instruction has been given in physiology and hygiene, with special reference to the effects of narcotics and stimulants upon the human system, as required by the laws of New Hampshire.

Now, in closing this report, I wish to express sincere thanks to the school committee for the confidence and support they have given me and to the teachers for their faithfulness in co-operating with me.

Respectfully submitted,

HARRY A. BROWN,
Superintendent of Schools.

SALEM DEPOT, FEBRUARY 22, 1905.

ROLL OF HONOR.

For Year Ending August 1, 1904.

Pupils not absent or tardy by terms:

For the year.—Bertha Kelley, Ruth Kelley, Esther A. Dietrich, Nancy Hird, John S. Hird, Forrest F. Hyde, Charles B. McLaughlin, John L. Taylor.

For two terms.—Lester W. Hyde, Ethel J. Ayer, Herman Gross, Marion Hanson, Alice M. Williams, Howard Drake, Willie A. Kincler, Roy Tilton, Carrie M. Gibson, Henry Gross, Lillian Taylor, Ethel Taylor, Maud E. Curtis, Mabel Kelley, Arthur C. Woodbury, Margie M. Richardson, Herbert Rolfe, Mildred Taylor, Moses Pattee, Mildred Kelley, Rachel Kelley.

For one term.—Fred S. Powers, Albin A. Dietrich, Fernald Hulse, Lillian Dunbar, Lena Hudson, A. W. Clifford Jones, Verda Hulse, Edward L. Hussell, Clara Delorme, Edna Wells, Elizabeth Dyson, George Cummings, Benning Noyes, Mildred Mathews, Harry W. Bodwell, Clifton E. Hunt, Harold Williams, Richard K. Bodwell, Warren Chase, Viola C. Williams, Paul Cronin, Myron Rolfe, Ella Brothers, Harold Rolfe, Maurice Hunt, Mary L. Bodwell, Harry D. Scott, Gladys Hastings, Walter S. Foote, Clarence Kezer, William Taylor, Ethel King, Ethel Jennings, Ralph Oberti, Alfred Brothers, Clarence Chase, George S. Harris, Everett Cummings, John Duston, Llewellyn Goodhue, Christie Rolfe.

SUPERVISOR OF MUSIC.

*To the Honorable School Board of the Town of Salem,
N. H.:*

GENTLEMEN: I am pleased to have again the privilege of reporting progress in regard to the teaching of music in the Salem schools and am quite sure that no word from me is necessary to convince your people that the children are improving in this branch of school work. The best proof of this comes from the pupils themselves. Are they not more interested in music? Are not their voices improving, not only in quality but in fullness? Do they not sing their songs more intelligently, and are they not better readers? I will say to all—committee, parents and friends—go and hear them, for they are ever ready to receive visitors.

The teachers are ever willing to accept suggestions for the improvement of their charges, and I feel that I not only possess the respect and friendship of the superintendent and instructors under him, but can number among my personal friends every child, from the youngest little tot to the ninth grade girls and boys.

I would recommend the purchase of small supplementary song books for some schools, not to displace their music readers, but that the children may have an abundance of new music, which is a great help in keeping them interested.

Very respectfully,

WILLIAM E. HARTWELL,

Supervisor of Music.

DETAILED TABLE OF STATISTICS FOR SCHOOL YEAR ENDING AUGUST 1, 1904.

Schools.	Teachers.	Terms.	Weeks.	No. pupils.	Boys.	Girls.	Average attendance.	Not tardy or absent.	No. in algebra.	No. in Latin.	No. grades.	Visits by school board.	Visits by superintendent.	Visits by others.	Salaries.
No. 1. Primary.	Maud H. Wheeler.....	Fall.....	11	32	15	17	25	0	0	0	4	0	6	34	\$36.00
	Maud H. Wheeler.....	Winter..	10	28	12	16	19	0	0	0	4	0	8	23	32.00
	Maud H. Wheeler.....	Spring..	13	27	14	13	18	0	0	0	4	2	9	37	36.00
No. 1. Grammar.	Cora A. M. Maeder.....	Fall.....	11	35	21	14	31	14	0	0	5	0	5	37	40.00
	Cora A. M. Maeder.....	Winter..	11	32	21	11	29	3	0	0	5	0	6	6	40.00
	Cora A. M. Maeder.....	Spring..	13	28	18	10	24	9	0	0	5	2	9	32	40.00
No. 3.	M. Sadie Hamblett.....	Fall.....	9	18	10	8	15	3	0	0	4	0	6	0	28.00
	M. Sadie Hamblett.....	Winter..	13	19	10	9	12	0	0	0	4	0	4	0	28.00
	M. Sadie Hamblett.....	Spring..	13	24	12	12	17	0	0	0	4	2	6	7	32.00
No. 4.	Bina Munro.....	Fall.....	10	33	17	16	30	14	4	0	9	0	10	11	36.00
	Bina Munro.....	Winter..	12	33	17	16	28	8	4	0	9	1	8	12	36.00
	Harriet E. Gage.....	Spring..	13	32	18	14	23	2	2	0	9	1	7	16	36.00
No. 5.	Harry A. Johnson.....	Fall.....	10	11	8	3	9	1	0	0	7	0	6	3	28.00
	Harry A. Johnson.....	Winter..	12	9	7	2	7	0	0	0	7	0	2	15	28.00
	Harry A. Johnson.....	Spring..	13	6	5	1	5	0	0	0	7	2	5	22	28.00
No. 6. Primary.	Ulna B. Rowell.....	Fall.....	11	58	35	23	45	4	0	0	4	0	12	54	40.00
	Hattie B. Woodbury.....	Winter..	11	49	28	21	38	3	0	0	4	0	14	35	40.00
	Assistant.....	Spring..	13	53	29	24	42	5	0	0	4	8	16	82	40.00

No. 6. Grammar.	Grace E. Toothaker.....	Fall.....	11	45	22	23	38	6	5	5	5	0	12	19	40.00
	Ralph B. Kelley {.....	Winter..	11	37	19	18	32	0	6	6	5	2	15	16	44.00
	Ina M. Needham {.....	Winter..	13	39	19	20	35	6	7	7	5	0	17	30	40.00
	Arabel F. Forbes.....	Spring..													
No. 8.	Mary R. Webster.....	Fall.....	11	11	4	7	11	6	0	0	6	0	4	18	32.00
	Mary R. Webster.....	Winter..	11	15	7	8	12	4	0	0	6	0	5	21	32.00
	Mary R. Webster.....	Spring..	13	15	6	9	12	6	0	0	6	2	7	22	32.00
No. 9.	E. Mabel Miller.....	Fall.....	11	19	8	11	13	4	0	0	6	0	3	10	28.00
	E. Mabel Miller.....	Winter..	11	17	8	9	12	3	0	0	6	0	2	9	28.00
	E. Mabel Miller.....	Spring..	13	17	8	9	15	4	0	0	6	2	4	23	28.00
No. 10.	M. Elinor Forsyth.....	Fall.....	12	23	14	9	18	1	7	0	6	0	7	14	34.00
	M. Elinor Forsyth.....	Winter..	14	23	14	9	11	0	7	0	6	1	5	20	34.00
	M. Elinor Forsyth.....	Spring..	11	16	7	9	12	1	4	0	6	1	5	14	34.00

SCHOOL TREASURER.

Amount of funds raised for school purposes for the year ending Feb. 15, 1905:

By vote of town,	\$3,000.00	
By law,	1,578.00	
Literary fund,	187.55	
School fund from state,	644.00	
Dog licenses,	300.00	
Repairs,	182.00	
Insurance,	140.00	
Rebate from state tuition,	43.46	
Interest on District No. 2 note,	14.68	
Interest on District No. 3 note,	9.31	
Interest on District No. 10 note,	12.91	
To purchase land in District No. 1,	200.00	
	<hr/>	\$6,311.91

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Received of Fred C. Buxton, by orders of selectmen,	\$6,302.60	
Received of D. W. Felch, interest on District No. 3 note,	9.31	
	<hr/>	\$6,311.91

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By paid James Ewins' deficit of 1904-'05,	\$2.42	
By orders of school board,	\$6,087.22	
By order of school board for land,	175.00	
Balance in treasury,	47.27	
	<hr/>	\$6,311.91

CHARLES H. AYER,
Town School Treasurer.

I have examined the foregoing accounts and found them correct.

DAVID S. EMERY,
Auditor.

REPORT OF SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE,
DISTRICT NO. 6.

Received the following:

Town appropriation,	\$3,000.00	
Town treasurer, above the appropriation,	\$57.32	
	—————	\$3,057.32

Paid C. A. Martin, contractor,	\$2,729.00	
G. G. Adams, architect,	100.00	
Allen Totman & Co., seats,	113.75	
Boston and Maine R. R., freight,	4.42	
Blasting out ledge for furnace,	9.10	
Albert L. Littlefield, setting seats,	4.80	
C. F. Rowell, setting seats,	3.50	
Clarence Cole, grading yard,	2.00	
Charles Joyce, teaming seats,	.75	
J. C. Sanborn, for furnace,	90.00	
	—————	\$3,057.32

WALLACE W. COLE,
CHARLES F. KIMBALL,
ALBERT L. LITTLEFIELD,
Building Committee.

I have examined the foregoing accounts and find them correct.

DAVID S. EMERY,
Auditor.

VITAL STATISTICS.

TO THE SELECTMEN OF SALEM: In compliance with an act of the Legislature passed June session, 1877, requiring "clerks of towns and cities to furnish a transcript of the records of births, marriages and deaths to the municipal officers for publication in the annual reports," I submit the following:

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF SALEM FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1904.

Date of birth.	Name of child (if any).	Sex and condition.			Name of father.	Maiden name of mother.	Color of parents.	Residence of parents.	Occupation of father.	Birthplace of father.	Birthplace of mother.
		Male.	Female.	Living or still-born.	No. of child.	Color.					
Jan. 11	Lydia Martha ..	.....	.....	.....	4	W.	W.	Salem	Farmer.....	Germany.....	Germany.
Feb. 2	Donald Woodbu- ..	.....	.....	L.	6	"	"	"	Motorman....	Portland, Me....	Concord.
" 21	Arelaine.....[ry ..	M.	.....	"	4	"	"	"	Mechanic....	Salem.....	Massachusetts
Mar. 1	Claude Earl.....	"	.....	"	1	"	"	"	Shoemaker....	Massachusetts..	"
" 5	Eugene Walter ..	"	.....	"	1	"	"	"	Shoemaker....	Michigan.....	Canada.
" 16	Walter Ernest....	"	.....	"	3	"	"	"	Teamster.....	Salem.....	Massachusetts
" 31	Dorothy May.....	"	.....	"	1	"	"	"	Laborer.....	Massachusetts..	Pelham.
Apr. 16	Wm. Brista Atkin- ..	"	.....	"	3	"	"	"	Farmer.....	England.....	Massachusetts
May 4	Chester Chas. [son ..	"	.....	"	2	"	"	"	"	Salem.....	England.
" 16	Maud Everline....	"	.....	"	4	"	"	"	"	Ashuelot.....	Salem.
" 23	.....	"	.....	"	1	"	"	"	Shoemaker....	Turkey.....	Salem.
" 27	.....	"	.....	"	2	"	"	"	Farmer.....	England.....	"
" 27	James Drummond ..	.....	.....	"	5	"	"	"	Shoemaker....	New Brunswick	Nova Scotia.
July 10	Orrin Lyander.....	"	.....	"	6	"	"	"	Farmer.....	Salem.....	Massachusetts
" 22	Everett Alton....	"	.....	"	4	"	"	"	R. R. brake-	Massachusetts..	"
" 23	.....	"	.....	"	2	"	"	Mass.....	Painter.....	.....	"
Aug. 27	Albert Alderoff..	"	.....	"	1	"	"	Salem	Painter.....	.....	"
" 27	.....	"	.....	"	4	"	"	"	.....	.....	"

Sept. 9	Dorrie Francis....	M.	.....	L.	5	W.	James B. Sleeper	Annie McPhail.....	W.	Salem	Farmer.....	Sandown.....	Scotland.
"	10 George A.....	"	.....	"	2	"	George M. Cross.....	Alice M. Haseltine.....	"	"	"	Salem.....	Chester.
"	11 Ralph Batchelder .....	"	.....	"	2	"	Albert L. Littlefield.....	Ida S. Thom.....	"	"	"	Massachusetts..	Salem.
"	14 Mildred Grace... ..	"	F.	"	3	"	William W. Webb.....	Gertrude S. Norris.....	"	Mass.....	Pool room	Vermont.....	Danbury.
"	21 Peter .....	"	.....	"	...	"	Garabed Marton.....	Annie Harzopian.....	"	Salem....	Farmer.....	Turkey.....	Turkey.
"	27 .....	"	.....	"	1	"	George Brady.....	Minnie Hayden.....	"	"	"	Massachusetts..	Massachusetts
Oct. 21	Gerrude Elsie... ..	"	"	S.	2	"	Luther Samuel Ban- [croft	Bertha May Nichols...	"	"	Plumber.....	Michigan.....	Nashua.
"	12 Eva M.....	"	"	L.	15	"	Joseph M. St. Peter.....	Delta Lavally.....	"	"	Farmer...[for	Canada.....	Canada.
Nov. 18	Linwood Alfred.. ..	"	.....	"	2	"	Lyndon A. Gagne.....	Jennie Tyrie.....	"	"	Elec. conduc-	Auburn, Me.....	Massachusetts
Dec. 21	Henry Webster.. ..	"	.....	"	2	"	Charles H. Wilson.....	Grace E. Smith.....	"	"	Carpenter.....	Massachusetts..	Augusta, Me.
"	27 Merrill Benjamin .....	"	.....	"	6	"	Edward A. Atkins.....	Grace Maud Bailey....	"	"	Teamster	"	Massachusetts

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF SALEM FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1904.

Date of marriage.	Place of marriage.	Name and surname of groom and bride.	Residence of each at time of marriage.	Age.	Color.	Occupation of groom and bride.	Place of birth of each.	Names of parents.	Birthplace of parents.	Occupation.	Marriage.	Name, residence and official station of person by whom married.
Feb. 24	Manchester.	Harlan P. Robbins...	Salem.	29	W.	Motorman....	Albany, Me....	Hiram Robbins.... Jane Kendall....	Dummer..... ".....	Farmer..... Housek'per....	..	Rev. Samuel Russell, Manchester.
		Maud B. Pyne.....	"	22	"	Table girl....	Nova Scotia..	Lewis D. Pyne.... Mary A. Milnar..	" Nova Scotia..	Farmer..... Housek'per....	..	
May 14	Salem.....	Joseph A. Carey....	Lawrence, Mass.	24	"	Painter	Lawrence, Ms	Martin Carey.... Ann Sheedy....	Ireland	Retired .....	..	B. R. Wheeler, J. P., Salem.
"	23 Salem Depot.	Nettie S. Bennett....	"	19	"	Mill operative	Canada	Frederick Bennett. Elizabeth Hall..	England.....	Housewife....	..	
		Charles E. Gamble...	Salem	20	"	Shoe cutter...	Lowell, Mass.	William Gamble... Matilda McLane..	Ireland.....	Wool sorter..	..	James Ayer, J. P., Salem Depot.
June 6	Haverhill, Mass.	Margaret A. O'Neil..	Lawrence, Mass.	19	"	Mill operative	England	William O. Neil... Oliver G. Woodbury	Scotland.....	Retired.....	..	Rev. F. W. Perkins, Haverhill, Mass.
"	18 Lawrence, Mass.	Geo. M. Woodbury..	Salem.....	42	"	Stock buyer..	Hartland, Vt..	Mary A. Kingsbury George Gordon..	Salem..... Needham, Ms	Clergyman....	..	
"	28 Salem Depot.	Mary E. Gordon....	"	30	"	Shoe fitter....	Salem.....	Annie Sweeney... Charles Peters...	Fairfield, Me..	Blacksmith...	..	Rev. Wm. E. Walcott, Lawrence, Mass.
"	28 Salem Depot.	James C. Peters.....	"	19	"	Farmer.....	Turkey.....	Margaret Lazaros. M. Garabedian...	Turkey.....	Farmer.....	..	Rev. F. K. Gamble, Salem Depot.
"	28 Salem Depot.	Nazair Garabedian..	"	18	"	Housekeeper..	"	J. Heranostian... Enoch Shenton...	"	Farmer.....	..	Rev. F. K. Gamble, Salem Depot.
Aug. 17	Salem Depot.	James H. Shenton...	Nashua	23	"	Shipper	Malden, Mass	Eliza Highton.... John C. Armstrong	England	In business...	..	Rev. F. K. Gamble, Salem Depot.
		Almeda A. Armstrong	"	23	"	Stenographer	Moovers, N. Y.	Matilda Farer.... Herman J. Erbert..	Moovers, N. Y.	Retired .....	..	Rev. F. K. Gamble, Salem Depot.
		Lizzie A. Hall.....	Salem.....	25	"	Labourer.....	Lawrence, Ms	Bertha M. Volmer. Ezra B. Hall....	Germany.....	Painter .....	..	Rev. F. K. Gamble, Salem Depot.
Sept. 18	Salem.....	Herman C. Erbert...	"	31	"	At home.....	Salem.....	Lydia J. Parlin... Jesse Irish.....	Salem.....	Housek'per....	..	Rev. Henry E. Allen, Salem.
		James F. Fletcher...	"	72	"	Retired.....	New York....	John Carroll..... Hellen Nelson....	Milton..... New York....	Baker.....	..	
		Catherine F. Carroll.	"	33	"	Housekeeper..	England.....	John Carroll..... Hellen Nelson....	England.....	Farmer.....	..	

Sept. 21 Salem.....	George E. Perkins...	Brookton, Mass.	27	W. Electrician...	Newburyport...	Geo. C. Perkins...	.....	Electrician...	Rev. Wm. J. Murry,
	Alice Lilla Duston...	Salem	27	" Teacher.....	Salem.....	Sarah H. Hinkley..	Salem.....	Teacher.....	" Boston, Mass.
Oct. 19 Westfield, Mass.	Norman B. Simpson..	"	26	" Conductor....	Windham.....	Helen Wardwell...	Windham.....	Farmer.....	Rev. J. F. Bullitt,
	Ada L. Wood.....	Westfield, Mass.	23	" At home.....	Salem.....	Albert E. Simpson..	N. Br's k, N.J	Housek' per.	Westfield, Mass.
Nov. 28 Salem	Sarkis Harchigian...	Salem	28	" Mill operative	Turkey	Margaret Bordine..	England	Shoemaker.	
	Agayn Hamparchwn	"	21	" Housekeeper.	"	William E. Wood...	Turkey.....	Housek' per.	Rev. Wm. Ganley,
	Forrest L. Peabody..	"	30	" Motorman....	Middleton, Mass.	Mary Taylor.....	"	Farmer.....	Salem.
Dec. 25 Methuen, Mass.	Ellen L. Pearl.....	Methuen, Mass.	25	" Stenographer	Methuen....	K. Hamparchwn...	"	Housek' per.	
						Jaig Mary.....	"	Housek' per.	Rev. J. W. Adams,
						John L. Peabody...	Middleton, Ms	Shoemaker.	
						Christina Murray..	Nova Scotia..	Housek' per.	Methuen, Mass.
						Joseph N. Pearl...	Madbury.....	Merchant....	
						Ellen F. Withey....	Bangor, Me...	Housek' per.	

DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF SALEM FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1904.

Date of death.	Name and surname of deceased.	Age.		Place of birth.		Sex and condition.		Occupation.	Place of birth.		Name of father.	Maiden name of mother.
		Years.	Months.	Days.	Place of birth.	Male.	Female.	Color.	Single, married, widowed.	Father.	Mother.	
Jan. 13	Ada M. Davis.....	7			Salem.....	F.		W.		Salem.....	Brentwood.....	Mariah Hutchins.
" 20	Charlotte Jane Hall.....	80	9	17	Salem.....	"	"	"	Housewife.....	York, Me.....	Manchester.....	Sarah Wheeler.
" 27	Sarah Randall.....	82	7		Sanford, Me.....	"	"	"	Housekeeper.....	Scotland.....	Manchester.....	Martha Joy.
Feb. 12	David Sloan.....	75	7		Windsor, Can.....	M.	"	M.	Shoemaker.....	Scotland.....	Scotland.....	Susan Young.
" 18	Flora Sealey.....	60	5		Inverness, P.Q.....	"	"	"	Shoemaker.....	"	P. E. Island.....	Nellie Martell.
Mar. 1	Margaret Stanton.....	92	17		Maine.....	"	"	"	Retired.....	Boston, Mass.....	Edgcomb, Me.....	Eliza Simes.
" 3	Sarah Jane Brothers.....	43	9	8	Hampton, N.S.....	"	"	B.	Housekeeper.....	Hampton, N. S.....	Hampton, N. S.....	Eliza Clements.
" 4	Daniel Merrill.....	77	5	25	Salem.....	"	"	W.	Farmer.....	Methuen, Mass.....	Salem.....	Hannah Hall.
" 9	John Wilkins.....	32			Richm'nd, P.Q.....	"	"	S.	Housekeeper.....	Sterling, Conn.....	Granville, N. S.....	Eliza Willett.
" 14	Prudence E. Woodbury.....	80	1	20	St. John, N. B.....	"	"	M.	Housekeeper.....	Washington.....	N'w Hampshire.....	Ellis Brockway.
" 15	Harriett B. Wheeler.....	79	3	24	Washington.....	"	"	M.	Housekeeper.....	Salem.....	Marblehead, Ms.....	Sarah Woodward.
" 31	Ellen E. Kelley.....	69	11	23	Salem.....	"	"	W.	Housekeeper.....	Salem, Mass.....	Marblehead, Ms.....	Rebecca Hammond.
Apr. 15	Mary S. Chase.....	82	2	27	Pembroke.....	"	"	W.	"	Watertown, Ms.....	John Lewis.....	Jane Noyes.
" 30	Nancy Follansbee Noyes.....	78	5	28	Pembroke.....	"	"	W.	"	Glasgow, Scot.....	John Harvey.....	Abigail Canfield.
May 14	Heien M. Campbell.....	67	2	28	Rygate, Vt.....	"	"	M.	"	Turkey.....	Esgian Gangochian.....	Bazhar Gangochian.
" 28	Gangochian.....	6			Salem.....	"	"	S.	"	Yorkshire, Eng.....	John O'Hanion.....	Mariam Cabayan.
June 14	Bedruss O'Hanion.....	29	2	29	Lowell, Mass.....	"	"	"	"	"	Salem.....	Clara M. Foster.
May 27	Haigh.....				Salem.....	"	"	"	"	"	Marion, Mass.....	Betsy Clark.
" 27	Haigh.....				"	"	"	"	"	"	Marion, Mass.....	Betsy Clark.
Aug. 19	Emma C. Webber.....	47	4	5	"	"	"	"	"	"	Marion, Mass.....	Betsy Clark.
Sept. 12	Willis G. Bailey.....	45	6	21	N. Branswick.....	"	"	M.	Motorman.....	Raymond.....	Daniel P. Robie.....	Harriett Pax ne.
" 18	Thomas P. Robie.....	55	8	24	Salem.....	"	"	"	Farmer.....	Salem.....	Granville Mitchell.....	Minnie Hayden.
" 27	Brady.....	63	6	25	So. Acworth.....	"	"	S.	Harness maker.....	Ireland.....	Burlington, Vt.....	Ellen Cummings.
" 27	Elbridge Mitchell.....	92	8	29	Winoski, Vt.....	"	"	S.	Conductor.....	Ireland.....	Burlington, Vt.....	Ellen Cummings.
Oct. 17	J. Arthur Sullivan.....	80	9	28	Leon ster, Ms.....	"	"	S.	Farmer.....	Ireland.....	Burlington, Vt.....	Ellen Cummings.
" 21	Henry P. Wheelock.....	78	4	17	Germany.....	"	"	W.	Retired.....	Ireland.....	Burlington, Vt.....	Ellen Cummings.
" 24	Ernestine Kuenstler.....	88	10		Wilmet.....	"	"	W.	Shoe cutter.....	Ireland.....	Burlington, Vt.....	Ellen Cummings.
Nov. 2	Nancy S. Emerson.....	34	6	22	Wilmington, Ms.....	"	"	M.	Retired.....	Ireland.....	Burlington, Vt.....	Ellen Cummings.
Dec. 26	Alphonzo P. Davies.....	81	6	7	Ireland.....	"	"	W.	Retired.....	Ireland.....	Burlington, Vt.....	Ellen Cummings.
" 27	Sarah Lee.....	81	6	7	Ireland.....	"	"	W.	Retired.....	Ireland.....	Burlington, Vt.....	Ellen Cummings.

I hereby certify that the above return is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

DANIEL A. ABBOTT, Town Clerk.

PERMITS ISSUED FOR THE INTERMENT OF DECEASED PERSONS FROM OTHER
PLACES FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1904.

Name of deceased.	Place of death.	Place of interment.	Name of cemetery.	Died.	Age.		
					Years.	Mos.	Days.
Joseph Webster.....	Lawrence, Mass.....	Salem.....	Pine Grove.....	Jan. 8, 1904	86	10	21
Nellie C. Welch.....	Haverhill, Mass.....	"	"	Jan. 16, 1904	36	3	.....
Benjamin Francis Ayer.....	Derry.....	"	"	Feb. 10, 1904	53	1	25
Nellie E. Smith.....	Haverhill, Mass.....	"	"	Feb. 23, 1904	46	2	16
Walter F. Russ.....	Somerville, Mass.....	"	"	Mar. 1, 1904	67	.....	3
Amy F. Gibson.....	Manchester.....	"	Mt. Pleasant.....	Mar. 6, 1904	21	4	.....
Jennie M. Cluff.....	Haverhill, Mass.....	"	Pine Grove.....	Mar. 18, 1904	60	5	10
George S. Hogle.....	Lawrence, Mass.....	"	"	Apr. 10, 1904	21	6	6
Mary Morrison.....	Henniker.....	"	"	Apr. 18, 1904	89	8	12
Nellie E. Woodbury.....	Haverhill, Mass.....	"	"	Apr. 28, 1904	43	4	27
Ellen P. Page.....	Georgetown, Mass.....	"	"	May 11, 1904	60	10	28
Florence Hogle.....	Lawrence, Mass.....	"	"	May 17, 1904	17	1	23
Charles W. Webster.....	Haverhill, Mass.....	"	"	Oct. 13, 1904	47	3	18
*Walter E. Rice.....	Salem.....	"	"	May 29, 1877	23	.....	13

*Removed from Brownfield, Me., to Salem, Nov. 12, 1904.

I certify that the above return is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

DANIEL A. ABBOTT, *Town Clerk.*

PERMITS ISSUED FOR THE REMOVAL OF BODIES OF DECEASED PERSONS TO OTHER
PLACES FOR INTERMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1904.

Name of deceased.	Place of death.	Place of interment.	Name of cemetery.	Died.	Age.		
					Years.	Mos.	Days.
Sarah Randall..	Salem.....	Sanford, Me.....	.....	Jan. 30, 1904	82	7	7
John Wilkins.....	".....	Concord.....	.....	Mar. 9, 1904	52	2	27
Mary S. Chase.....	".....	Salem, Mass.....	.....	April 15, 1904	82	5	28
Nancy Follansbee Noyes ..	".....	Lawrence, Mass.....	Bellevue.....	April 30, 1904	78	5	6
— Gangochian ..	".....	".....	".....	May 18, 1904	.....	.....	2
Bedrus O'Hanion ..	".....	".....	Long Hill.....	June 14, 1904	45	6	21
Willis G. Bailey ..	".....	Salisbury, Mass.....	.....	Sept. 12, 1904	.....	.....	29
— Brady.....	".....	Lawrence, Mass.....	Inn. Con.....	Sept. 27, 1904	22	8	29
J. Arthur Sullivan.....	".....	Malden, Mass.....	Holy Cross.....	Oct. 17, 1904	80	9	28
Henry P. Wheelock.....	".....	Fitchburg, Mass.....	.....	Oct. 21, 1904	78	4	17
Ernstine Kuenstler.....	".....	Lawrence, Mass.....	Bellevue.....	Oct. 24, 1904	88	10	7
Nancy S. Emerson.....	".....	Windham.....	.....	Nov. 2, 1904	34	6	22
Alphonzo P. Davies.....	".....	Haverhill, Mass.....	Hilldale.....	Dec. 26, 1904	84	6	7
Sarah Lee.....	".....	St. Johns, N. B.....	.....	Dec. 27, 1904	.....	.....	.....

I certify that the above return is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

DANIEL A. ABBOTT, *Town Clerk.*

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